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SUBJECT: ILO: 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, RICARDO LUNA (HIGHEST FONOFF OFFICIAL IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE) TO MAKE POINTS CONTAINED IN STATE REFTTEL AND TO FORECEFULLY EXPRESS IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ALSO APPROACHED LABOR MINISTRY SUPERIOR DIIRECTOR BARRENECHEA TO MAKE POINTS, TO REPORT VOTE ON MOTION REGARDING ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT AND TO EXPRESS U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONDED TO THE EMBASSY DEMARCHE BY
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POINTING OUT THAT PERU HAD INSTRUCTED ITS GENEVA DELEGATION TO PROMOTE A CONCILIATORY, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL RESOLUTION. ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONA ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS LUNA NOTED THAT PERU'S POSSITION IS A DELICATE ONE. PERU WISHES TO DEPOLITICIZE THE ILO AND STRONGLY DEFENDS RESPECT FOR PROCEDURES. FURTHERMORE PERU WISHES TO AVOID THE KIND OF CONFRONTATION WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. AT THE SAME TIME,

PERU MUST MAINTAIN ITS CREDIBILITY WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEREFORE CANNOT AUTOMATICALLY SUPPORT THE U.S. INITIATIVE WITHOUT THE GROUP OF 77 COORDINATION. LUNA FURTHER STATED THAT IT WOULD BE AGAINST PERU'S INTERESTS TO BREAK WITH OR GO BEYOND THE GROUP OF 77. WERE PERU TO DO THAT, IT WOULD SET A NEGOTIATING PRECEDENT IMPOSIBLE TO RECONCILE WITH PERU'S INTERESTS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WHOLE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. IN OTHER WORDS, JUST AS THE QUESTION FOR THE U.S. IS LARGER THAN THE ILO, SO IS IT FOR PERU. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD ADVISE ITS DELEGATION IN GENEVA OF THE EMBASSY DEMARCHE AND NOTED THAT PERU STILL HOPES FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL CONCILIATE THE OPPOSING VIEWS. HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND PERU'S DILEMMA.

3. COMMENT: THE GOP OBVIOUSLY DESIRED A GENEVA ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH A LOW PROFILE, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. THE RECENT CHANGE IN LABOR MINISTERS (LIMA 4175) REDUCED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOP DELEGATION WOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE POSITION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. MOREOVER, A BROAD LATIN AMERICAN SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. TO WHICH PERU COULD ATTACHE ITSELF FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. PERHAPS THE BEST THAT NOW CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE GOP IS A MORE VIGOROUS EFFORT, BASED ON THE JUNE 6 STRONG EMBASSY APPROACH, TO HELP MODERATES PULL THE GROUP OF 77 HARDLINERS TOWARD A POSTURE THAT THE U.S. CAN LIVE WITH. DEAN

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